



The Forester



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Forest Park Civic Association

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Starting the New Year off RIGHT!



I was pleased to see a good turnout for our first Civic Association meeting of the year. There were a number of new faces taking new roles in the association. But we should look back for a moment and remember those who have served the association well in 2014 but who are departing their roles in 2015. We are thankful for all of our volunteers, but this is our special opportunity to remember those who are leaving us, at least as far as board membership is concerned. First and foremost, I want to thank Earl Miller for his years of faithful service as the Welcome Committee Chair. We have three new members of the welcome committee, and we joked that we guess it takes three to take on the job Earl did for us. Earl was recognized formally for his service at last year's Northland Community Council banquet, and we honor him here again--though we hope to see him around our meeting for some time to come. We would also like to thank, in no particular order, Cathleen Clarke, Paul Haggard, Amy Likens, Terry Ferguson, Edward Fournier, Cindy Fenstermaker, Becky Wardlaw, Joan Toops, Jenny O'Malley, and Eddie Jones. Thank you for your service. We hope to see you at a meeting or an event from time to time. We also thank City Attorney Rick Pfeiffer for swearing in the new board.

We have filled many of the vacant positions, but our main goal this year is to broaden our reach by having a person and an assistant for every role on the board. We may not reach that goal, but with the help of the members, we are going to try. At this point, we have 5 openings as Area Representatives. These are Areas 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14. Area 14 has not had a representative in some time and we do hope that someone there will come on board. Please contact myself or Vice President Ed Vanasdale if you are interested in serving in any of these roles. It's not a large job: A 2 hour meeting once a month, answering calls from residents in your area, and bringing the concerns of your neighbors to the Association meetings. We hope that area reps will also help in welcoming new neighbors to their area and participate in the once a year Outreach Day membership drive. There are also a number of committee opportunities for those who would like to get involved in the various projects we support.

You will note new area representatives and other leaders listed in this issue. We realize some of the information is incomplete, and we will work to have that fully updated by the March issue. If we've made any errors, please let us know right away.

Members of your board are also working with the government task force that has been cleaning up the hotels on 161. One of our goals is to encourage legislation at both city and state level that will make it easier for these nuisance properties to be dealt with legally. We do plan to continue or efforts for better lighting in Forest Park, and as always, we will continue to provide the only neighborhood Supplemental Security service in the city. Come join us at a meeting in 2015. All regular association meetings are open meetings, and there are representatives usually there from the city and police to hear your concerns.

By Ken Gilbert, FPCA President



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 ★ Next FPCA Meeting—JOIN US
 ★ Tuesday, February 10th, 7 pm
 ★ Epworth United Methodist Church
 ★ 5100 Karl Road
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3. Jack Briggs846-2965
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10. Scott Prigan.....523-2420
11. Linda Whitmore.....890-1065
12. Larry Markin.....891-0038
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Articles for MARCH Forester due to editor by February 13th. The March 2015 FORESTER will be delivered Sunday March 1st. Check the website address, www.fpcivic.org for the issue.

CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH ARE:

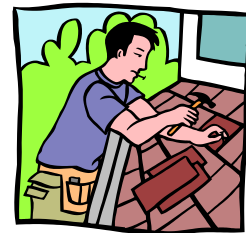
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	Month		Year-to-Date		Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
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Business Membership			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ -
Supplemental Security	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 13,031.25	\$ 447.00	\$ 13,447.00
Interest	\$ 0.04		\$ 0.56	\$ -	\$ 2.00	
Forester	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 171.40	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 16,592.39	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Garage Sale			\$ 295.00	\$ 108.16	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
Additional Donations			\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 440.00	
Island Maintenance & Improvement		\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 665.00		\$ 450.00
Liability Insurance/Bond			\$ -	\$ 486.00		\$ 450.00
Miscellaneous			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00
Northland Community Council			\$ 50.00	\$ 405.00		\$ 380.00
Treasurer Expenses			\$ 10.00	\$ 105.48		\$ 125.00
Beautification Awards			\$ 495.00	\$ 217.57	\$ 315.00	\$ 200.00
Outreach Day			\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00
July 4th Bikes/Parade Floats			\$ 200.00	\$ 195.19		\$ 250.00
Block watch			\$ -	\$ 47.58		\$ 100.00
Volunteer Grant/Welcome Committee			\$ -	\$ 94.34	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 300.00
Total Income & Expenses	\$ 1,115.04	\$ 1,452.57	\$ 31,725.56	\$ 34,029.38	\$ 35,202.00	\$ 35,202.00
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (337.53)		\$ (2,303.82)		
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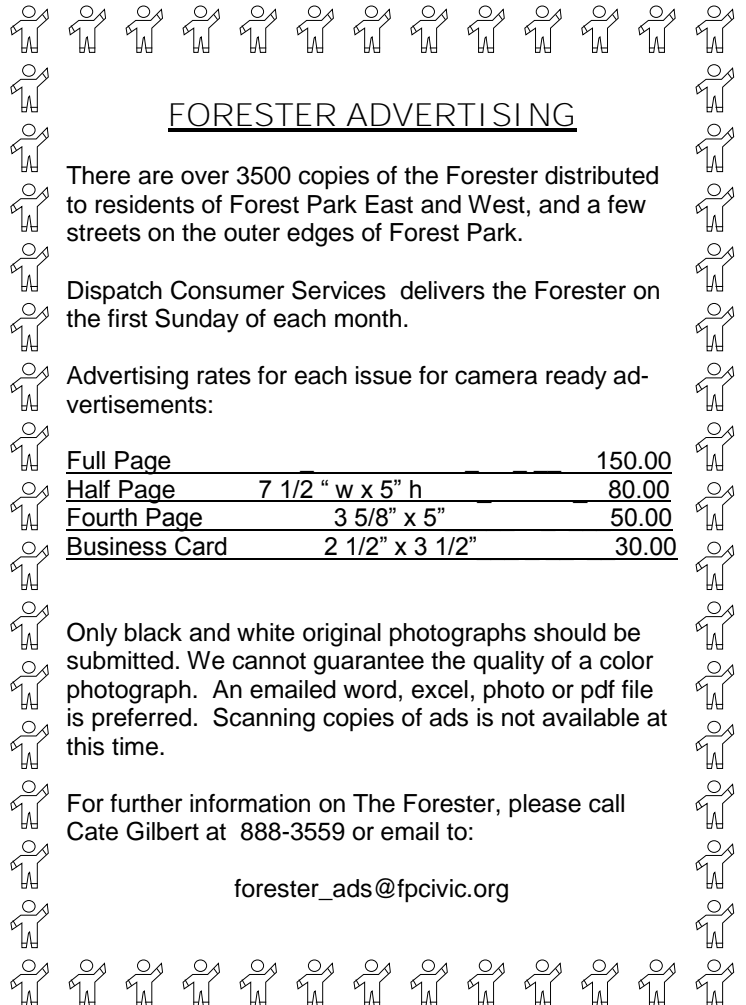
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Fourth Page	3 5/8" x 5"	50.00
Business Card	2 1/2" x 3 1/2"	30.00

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Help the Ohio History Connection with your information of Forest Park



The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) (Ohio History Connection) is conducting a survey project to document properties in the Forest Park West subdivision for the Ohio Historic Inventory. The properties will include residential, commercial, religious, civic and cultural properties that reflect important historical themes and architecture associated with mid-20th century (1940-1970) Columbus and its suburbs.

The Ohio Historic Inventory is an ongoing statewide survey of buildings, sites, structures, and objects of historical and architectural significance. The Ohio Historic Inventory is used to record basic visual exterior features and details and information from historical research for historic resources in Ohio.

Since 1974, more than 100,000 historic properties in Ohio have been entered into the Ohio Historic Inventory. The SHPO in Columbus maintains the survey forms and reports generated by the Ohio Historic Inventory.

The survey of Forest Park West is being conducted by SHPO staff, inventory program managers, Susan Tietz and Megan Rupnik. Approximately 50 representative properties will be selected for documentation to Ohio Historic Inventory forms—a two page document that records architectural, historic and locational information about each property. It also includes one or more photographs of each property. Contact the SHPO if you are interested in obtaining a copy of a survey form generated for a property included in the survey.

This survey is not gathering information for any type of taxation or real estate valuation purposes. Surveyors will obtain necessary information from the public right of way and will not enter private property unless invited. The Ohio Historic Inventory is not a form of protection for a historic property, nor does it place any type of restrictions on properties.

If you have information on the history and development of Forest Park West that you would like to share or are interested in learning more about the survey process, please contact Susan Tietz, Megan Rupnik or Barb Powers at the State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection at snrohpo@ohiohistory.org 614-298-2000.



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Kick Butt Columbus program. The goal of this city-sponsored program is to give visitors to our city a better welcome to our town by cleaning up the Interstate intersections in all of Columbus. Local residents usually volunteer for the I-71 and 161 intersection, which is the first impression many people get of Forest Park. This will take place the morning of March 28, 2015. Go to <http://columbus.gov/kickbutt.aspx> for more information. Equipment (grabbers, rakes, gloves, bag, etc.) are provided and there is a pizza party in Wolfe Park afterward. It's fun, and it *does* make a difference.

161 Task Force Cleanup Day, two to three hour commitment. Grabbers, gloves, bags, safety vests, and water are provided. Usually a one or two person team takes one side of 161 between the road and service road for a block. The first one will be April 11, 2015, with additional opportunities every six weeks until Election Day.

More information will be given in the next Forester. If you have other volunteer activities going on in Forest Park, let us know.

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At the January 13th, Forest Park meeting, those Board members and Area Representatives in attendance were sworn in for their Volunteer duties for 2015. The slate of officers and area reps was approved by those in attendance. City Attorney Richard Pfeiffer took time as he does each year to attend the meeting and swear in those individuals who will be leaders for the Forest Park Civic Association. Thank you Mr. Pfeiffer, and to all of those Forest Park Residents who have committed their time and efforts to keep Forest Park the thriving Columbus neighborhood that it is. Join us at one of our FPCA meetings and see what is happening where you live.

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Forest Park Civic Association
 January 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes
 Submitted by Marie Douthitt

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Gilbert at Epworth United Methodist Church at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President opened the floor to nominations for new officers. The slate was presented by Mike Stone and seconded by Mary Sguerra. The floor was opened to additional nominations, none were received. The slate was elected by acclamation and office holders sworn in by City Attorney Richard Pfeiffer.

Police liaison Scott Clinger is working to add language to the public nuisance laws that would allow officers to close businesses that attract violence. He also encourages residents to call Truant Officer **Bobby Diamond's cell phone at 614-496-6562** to report kids suspected of skipping school. Finally, anyone interested in voicing support for tighter city regulation of hotels and motels should call Councilman Zachary Klein at 614-645-5346. The legislation has been drafted and is expected to proceed, but public support is essential.

City liaison Dick Graham reported that Maple Canyon is scheduled to be repaved in 2015, if the funds are available. He will look into reports of coyote sightings in the area of Woodward Park to see if this is an issue the city handles.

Treasurer Dan Hartzell presented the treasurer's report for December, which showed a small loss for the month, and was accepted as read.

Businesses have asked if they could receive a discount on Forester ads if they pay for an entire year at once. This was discussed and decided for. A discount of 5% will be offered to a business who pays for the entire calendar year of 2015.

Committee reports were given:

Dave Paul explained the function of the NCC's development committee and updated us about some ongoing zoning exception requests.

Public Relations Committee chairman Mary Sguerra reported that the inside backing of the island signs needs to be replaced. A motion was made and seconded to allow this purchase, up to \$100. Ed Vanasdale, chairman of the NCC Committee, reported that the 4th of July parade is looking for volunteers and that there will be four clean up days and two shredding days in 2015. Dates will be finalized and announced at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Coyotes...in Forest Park??

Urban Coyotes. At first glance you might have thought I was talking about an old John Travolta movie. But yes, we *are* talking about coyote--not cowboys. They have spread from the West into the Midwest and can now be found even in Forest Park. I'm writing this because there have been sightings of coyotes in Woodward Park and in neighborhood back yards. A resident on Vinewood reported a sighting to me last week. I've even seen them myself, though it was over behind the Deaf School. They are here and they are not going away. So how do we deal with them? One place to start is the ODNR website. They have a news release called "So You Spot A Coyote in Your Urban Neighborhood. What Should You Do? They note that coyotes are opportunistic feeders. They are omnivores and their diet does include small animals. They are shy but are attracted by food--such as pet food you might leave out and food remnants on grills. It is important not to leave food out overnight. Care should be taken with small animals such as pet cats and small dogs, as coyotes are known to hunt them. Don't leave them out overnight. However, coyotes tend to be shy and scare easily, so motion-sensing lights at night are a good idea (and they will help prevent crime as well). Though the chance of a problem is small, as coyotes fear humans, do not leave small children unattended outdoors. Should you come across one, the best thing to do is make noise and scare them. The important thing is that we do not want them to lose that fear of humans. We are currently checking with the city to see what their policy is, but this information was not available at deadline for this issue (we would recommend contacting ODNR or a wildlife control company if you have a nuisance coyote, however). Coyotes are here and are not going away. Small, sensible precautions, as noted above, are recommended to help keep us all safe. They do have one advantage. As their diet is mainly animals that can be garden pests like rabbits and other rodents and they do chase away deer, having them in the neighborhood may not be as bad as we might fear. They do fill an important ecological niche opened up by the extinction of larger predators such as mountain lions in Ohio in the 19th century.

Submitted by Ken Gilbert

FPCA BUSINESS MEMBERS 2014

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- Circle Dairy Queen
- Tamarack Circle Drive Thru
- Donatos Tamarack Circle
- Epworth United Methodist Church
- Gabbys Tamarack Circle
- Helping Hands Day Care Sandalwood Plaza
- HER Realtors - Mary Sguerra
- Karl Road Christian Church
- Schoedinger Funeral Home Karl Road
- Union Savings Bank Morse Road
- Drelyze Restaurant Tamarack Circle
- John Allen Landscape
- US Protection Service Columbus Square
- CS Bank - Dublin-Granville Rd.

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2014 YEAR END FOREST PARK HOME SALES REPORT

STYLE & NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	RANGE OF SOLDS (Low-High)
2 STORY 36	\$115,803	\$113,199	\$ 50,900 - \$155,000
SPLIT 31	\$113,494	\$109,992	\$ 40,500 - \$135,000
RANCH 37	\$103,817	\$102,149	\$ 55,000 - \$138,100
BILEVEL 5	\$103,060	\$ 99,260	\$ 71,500 - \$124,900
TOTAL SOLD 109	* (FYI - 26 % of the homes SOLD this year were bank owned or short sales)		

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* New Listings **New Price

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All Homes SOLD

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